

Dear Reps. Williams and Smith, Sens. Lopes and Anwar, and members of the Housing Committee,

My name is Jordan Force, and I'm a resident of Stamford. I am emailing you in support of S.B. 293 (An Act Concerning a Study of Rent Stabilization) and S.B. 300 (An Act Concerning a Study of Excessive Rent Increases) with amendments to take immediate action to address unfair rent increases by (1) requiring Fair Rent Commissions, (2) expanding Just Cause eviction protections, and (3) defining fair and equitable rent increases.

Rents are skyrocketing in Connecticut, and around the nation, and are becoming increasingly unaffordable. There are many reasons for this, and there are many approaches to addressing it in the long term. But right now, we need to address the dramatic, and deeply inequitable increases in rent we are seeing in Connecticut. Since January 2021, average rent in CT has increased 12%; that's unprecedented.

Thank you,

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